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Washington, D.C. 20505

July 18, 1988

The Honorable John C. Whitehead  
Acting Secretary of State  
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

Your July 13, 1988 letter to the Director has been referred to me for response. [redacted] has been nominated as the Agency's representative on the Accountability Review Board which you are convening to examine the facts surrounding the tragic death of the late Defense Attache, Capt. William Nordeen, USN, in Athens, Greece. [redacted] name has already been passed orally to the Nordeen Accountability Review Board Staff Director, Mr. Jay Moffat. [redacted] is immediately available to meet any schedule established. He holds Top Secret [redacted] [redacted] with this Agency which will be certified through the usual channels. [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]  
James H. Taylor  
Executive Director

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1988

*WJH*  
Dear Judge Webster:

On June 28 Navy Captain William Nordeen was killed by a car bomb planted by a terrorist group on the route from his home to his office at the U.S. Embassy in Athens. Captain Nordeen was serving as the Defense Attache at Embassy Athens at the time.

Pursuant to Section 301 of P.L. 99-399, I am convening an Accountability Review Board to examine the facts and circumstances surrounding this incident and to report on the adequacy of security procedures and on the breach of duty by individuals, if any. I will then report to the Congress on the recommendations of the Board and on what actions I have taken.

Section 302 provides that the Board shall consist of five members, four including the Chairperson appointed by the Secretary of State, and one appointed by the Director of Central Intelligence. All members, of course, will require appropriate security clearances. The State Department will provide the necessary facilities and services to support the work of the Board.

I plan to announce later this month that an Accountability Review Board will be convened and to announce, as well, the membership of the Board and generally to state its purposes.

We would appreciate receiving the name of your nominee to the Board by July 18 so that all members can be announced at the same time.

Sincerely,

*John C. Whitehead*  
John C. Whitehead  
Acting Secretary

The Honorable  
William H. Webster,  
Director of Central Intelligence.